

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles William Lee, Sr.,
of Selmer.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles William Lee, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1924, Charles William Lee, Sr., was born in Shiloh, Tennessee, to Charlie and Ethel Lee who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, an avid learner and diligent student, Mr. Lee attended school at Michie before graduating from Selmer High School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1943, Charles Lee answered duty's call and served his country with the courage and conviction of a true patriot for two years in the United States Army; he bravely served his country as a sergeant in the 246th Signal Operations Group in the European Theatre, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and holding five battle stars, including Normandy, France, Belgium, The Rhineland, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Lee married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Beatrice Tackett, and the loving couple treasured sixty-four years together before Mrs. Lee's passing; and

WHEREAS, a wise and enterprising businessman, Mr. Lee was the owner and operator of Lee's Grocery and co-owner of Sunshine Laundrette in Selmer; and

WHEREAS, Charles Lee served with acumen and alacrity as rural mail carrier, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, displaying the patriotism and honor for which he was well known, Mr. Lee was a proud, sixty-year member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Charles William Lee, Sr., was an active and devout member of the Fourth Street Church of Christ, where he faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was also deeply devoted to family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by beloved wife, Beatrice; his parents, Charlie and Ethel Lee; his brother, Lloyd Lee; and his two sisters, Pearl Anderson and Ernestine Hyneman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee is survived by his sisters, Grace Thomas and Mary Bassett; his sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W., Jr., and Carol Ann Lee, and Robert K. and Susan Lee; his grandchildren and their spouses, Rebecca and Casey Maddox, Robert Kirk Lee, Jr., Christie and Patrick Diener, and William Brinkerhoff; and his great-granddaughter, Carrie Ann Diener; and

WHEREAS, Charles Lee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Charles William Lee, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.